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COMPENSATION TO THE FAMILY MEMBERS OF FARMERS COMMITTING SUICIDE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to give any package to the widows, children of the farmers committing suicide;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which such packages are likely to be given by the Government?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a) to (c): The Rehabilitation Package for the farmers in 31 suicide prone districts in the four States of Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Karnataka, and Kerala inter-alia; includes provision of financial assistance from Prime Minister`s National Relief Fund (PMNRF) @ Rs.50.00 Lakh per District.

The funds would be used for giving assistance to needy debt-stressed farmers and their families, for expenditure in connection with health and education especially of children. The assistance from PMNRF has already been released to the respective districts.